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Bogue gives insight on '88

By KEVIN JEROME
Editor

In recent months Chancellor Grady Bogue, because of his stance on talks of possible mergers and his nomination for the presidency of University of North Florida, made headlines in both the **ALMAGEST** and the local media.

Now that the end of the semester is around the corner, Bogue looks back and reflects on what has happened in the past few weeks. In an interview Tuesday, Bogue spoke about his withdrawal from the presidency race and commented on his plans for LSUS concerning the consent decree and other prevalent matters.

Bogue was among six finalists vying for the top position at the Florida school. Two days before Bogue's official withdrawal, the **ALMAGEST** printed that he was ranked last among the contenders.

Bogue called the article mere

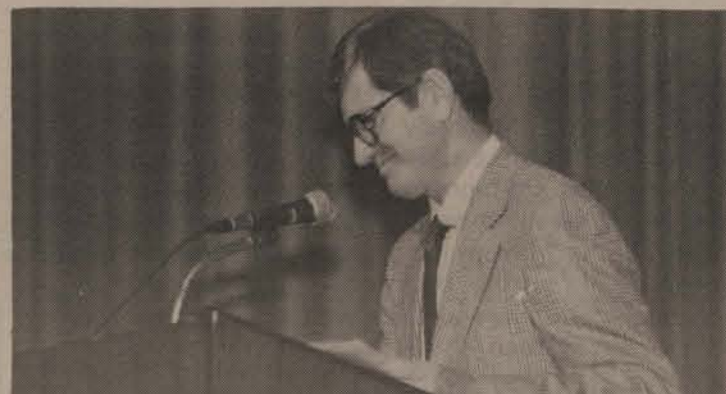
speculation. "I felt comfortable we were running a good strong race," he said, adding that it was up to the Florida Board of Higher Education to make the ultimate decision of hiring one of the finalists.

The decision to remain at LSUS was made by Bogue and his wife, Linda. "Linda and I felt more effectively matched to Shreveport and LSUS," he said.

Bogue feels his friendship and ties with the community overshadowed the monetary gain that Florida offered. Also, he doesn't envision entering another job search any time soon. "I don't think Linda and I see us doing another college presidency," he said.

Concerning his present situation and future at LSUS, Bogue said, "I hope I'll be wise enough to know when fresh leadership is needed."

As for merging LSUS with other schools, Bogue said, "As far as I'm concerned, LSUS merging with Louisiana Tech is a



Chancellor Bogue

dead issue."

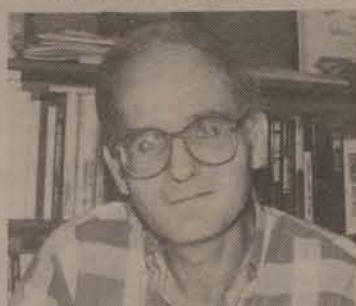
However, he believes that a more viable solution would be to merge LSUS with LSU medical center and area medical schools. He feels that it would enable the schools to carry more weight in terms of attracting state dollars.

About LSUS' future, Bogue has several short-term goals he would like to set into motion. First, he agrees with the Deans of the Colleges proposal of performance admissions. This admission policy requires an entering

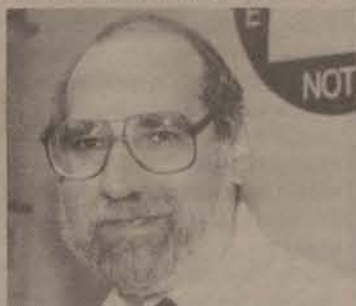
freshman to have completed a college preparatory curriculum in high school, a minimum ACT score of 16 or be in the top 50 percent of his class. If he does not meet the standards then he would have to demonstrate his ability through a battery of tests.

Another goal is the aforementioned merger with LSUSMC, Bogue said.

Lastly, Bogue sees the need for the construction of a new library as well as a performing arts center.



Pederson



Provizer

Buy books for Christmas

By LILY DIZON
Managing Editor

When professors of LSUS' history and political science department put on their thinking caps and set their pens in motion, the result is a book: **Grassroots Constitutionalism: the South and the Supreme Law of the land.**

The publication of the book coincides with this year's Bicentennial observation of the U.S. Constitution.

Dr. Norman Provizer, the book's co-editor and political science professor, said, "It's a timely publication for the area, considering the Cedar Grove riot, as well as forthcoming changes in the selection of justices and the desegregation of colleges and universities."

According to Dr. William Pederson, the other co-editor and political science professor, the book took two years to produce. The privately funded LSUS American Studies program funded the research conducted by the dozen contributors to the book, he said.

The book, a collection of essays, is concerned with the trials and tribulations of Louisiana from the past to present.

"We have tried to put together a good blend of theory and practice of the law from the local to the national levels," Provizer said.

The paperback editions (\$12.75) are in the LSUS' bookstore and according to Pederson, "will make a great Christmas present."



Happy Holidays!
From the Almagest staff.

editorial

Endeavor to persevere

By KEVIN JEROME
Editor

The semester is practically over and the feared finals week is quickly approaching. So what better time to reflect on this semester?

The fall semester is the most interesting semester in college. It follows the summer (obviously) and everyone is rejuvenated and ready to pursue academic studies. Girls and guys alike sport their golden bodies in shorts and tank-tops as they stroll from one class to another. Professors seem to be in unusually good moods after three months off from the grind of lecturing and grading papers. The setting is tranquil and peaceful as the semester get underway. But wait, there is a serpent in our Garden of Eden.

The serpent's name is Uncertainty. This foul creature slithers and hides on campus and strikes students, professors, and administrators.

This semester students experienced a tuition hike. To many scholars who pay for their own schooling the added expense was worrisome. Could they afford tuition and maintain their tight budget? Some students seemed unaffected by the hike. But, these students are probably supported by mommies and daddies and don't realize the value of a dollar. Uncertainty thrives at the thought of tampering with money and the grief of people that have financial problems.

Student activities' budgets were slashed by the administration. The *Manifest* is gone and will never be reinstated. This is tragic! What happens when you are 50 years old and your child wants to see evidence of your college experience? Indeed, the *Manifest* experienced death but the rest of the student activities remained in the quagmire of uncertainty.

The *Almagest* operated on a small budget and a small staff but the news still got out. The Student Activities Board experienced budget problems but continued to put on a successful Fall Fest. *Spectra*, the literary magazine on campus will be out in the spring due to the hard work and and no pay to its editor, Charmaine Cupps.

Money was eventually returned to the organizations but it was hard work and perseverance that dealt with uncertainty. The snake was dealt a mortal wound.

The professors endured lean years in the fact that they were not given adequate raises in four years. These mentors were among the lowest paid compared to comparable schools in the South. Professors continue to leave and money is a major motivator. At last, the professors received their raises. But is this too little too

late? Remember, a mid-year budget cut is a possible variable that is often overlooked. Is our academic leadership in jeopardy? Once again, Uncertainty raises its ugly head.

Finally, the administration faces the challenges of consent decree, budget cuts, and the possibility of merger. The evil reptile has found a home in the administration. It is evident that no one knows what is going to happen and thus Uncertainty runs rampant in the "fortress of solitude."

What is the answer to this horrible creature called Uncertainty? Well, a possible solution is to take a hint from the professors and students highlighted in this week's *Almagest*. These individuals would not allow themselves to suffer from the fangs of the snake. They are persevering to accomplish and achieve no matter what the obstacle. And no better place to make a change than in the spring semester.



A trip down memory lane

By LILY DIZON
Managing Editor

Cleaning is such a bore, and straightening up the attic is nothing to shout about either. So here I am on a Saturday morning — a cold Saturday morning — dusting cobwebs off old drawers and musty boxes. Attics are indescribable places: They're old and spooky yet oddly enough, comfortable. I guess it's because they hold so many remnants of what once was, and I was a part of that framework of yesteryear.

Take for example this old high school scrapbook: There I was in my pep squad uniform — all sassy and carefree. Sadie Hawkins — do I remember that night: a flat tire AND a ticket!! Football games — yelling and screaming and overall making a fool out of myself. Oh, and look at this — an afternoon sheet: Congratulations Lily Dizon — 1985 Senior Class President. Last page: My

orange and blue graduation tassel.

I remember that night, but somehow it seems as if there's a slight haze covering that memory. There I was, looking proud and a little cocky. I gave the president's customary speech, recalling memories from the past four years, telling everyone "Looks like we made it and nothin' is going to stop us now."

I miss those years, but if I had the chance to do it all over again, I wouldn't take it. Don't get me wrong. I don't regret them. Those high school years were my growing years, my learning years. But, I don't want to go back and do again what I have already done.

Today, four years later, as I sit here and look at these faded, but still remarkably memorable, pictures, I think about who I am and where I am. I'm in college, a heartbeat from yet another graduation. High school helped me grow; college shaped and molded me.

These years at the good ol' LSU of S made me aware that there's more to life than high school football games and dances. Oh, there are still the customary and much-talked-about pool games over pitchers of beer at your local pub and get-togethers at live-entertainment places. But, those nights are also filled with conversations about what's happening in Shreveport, in Louisiana, in the United States...in the world. Discussions also touch upon what we're going to do with our lives after walking across that stage for the second time. Apprehension at "What's out there?"

As I put all the albums, scrapbooks, and memorabilia of my high school years away, different thoughts flash through my mind. Everything that I've done leads me to where I am. Also, where I am, if I'm on the right track, will take me to where I'll be tomorrow. All of the sudden, it doesn't seem so cold anymore.

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The *Almagest* requests your reactions through Letters to the Editor.

Letters should be typed and double-spaced. They should be turned in to the *Almagest* office, BH 344, by noon on the Tuesday preceding the Friday publication date.

Obscene, libelous, and anonymous letters will not be published. The *Almagest* does not guarantee that every letter will be published.

Medicus labels editorial "unprofessional"

Dear Editor,

In response to your editorial "Kaiser isn't Caesar at LSUS," I have a few comments. However, I would like to preface my comments with one from an outsider. His perception of the editorial was "unprofessional journalism."

It is evident that the editors of the **ALMAGEST** have not done their homework. This "silly and ill-planned bill" has had a team of people working to put together a cost-efficient but capable computer package. Among these people

is Bonnie Deason (book exchange chairman and computer science major), who has been working with various computer experts on campus. The SGA has no desire to "rob" other organizations of their deserved monies.

Also, you contend that the SGA will use the computer only three times per year. This is further evidence that the editors did not fully research the question. Did you even bother to think of various uses that we as an organization have? Did you think of the personal funds of students

that we handle in the book exchange? Last fall we handled almost \$11,000 and we have expectations of enormous growth in the future. Yes, the book exchange will be one of its important users, but so will the executive secretary, committee chairs, or others who have SGA business. Additionally, the computer has the capability of expansion which will enable our organization to better serve the student body.

Finally, you referred to this bill as "self-serving politics." Is it not "self-serving" for you to

ask for a full budget plus \$250 so that your reporters can have a pay raise? Especially since the **ALMAGEST** is the only organization to receive a full budget. After all, the **ALMAGEST** is supposed to be a lab for journalism students; therefore, at least some of your reporters are getting university credit for working on the paper in addition a salary. However the reporters in this position also gain another benefit—the practical experience. Thus, it seems to me pay raises are "self-serving politics" on your part. The editors claim these pay

raises are only for three weeks, however there is no budget to substantiate your claim.

Your editorial was a slur on the executive administration as well as every member of this senate. Dr. Raines did indicate that the budget proposals would go before the senate for approval. Obviously, the senate feels that they should not have to absorb the entire deficit of \$1,350, but there should be equitable allocation of the deficit. The SGA does want to be reasonable, but we expect the same courtesy in return.

Audrey Decker Medicus

Executive Secretary LSUS SGA

Bush doesn't play fair

By Chuck Fisher
Contributing Writer

Some people joke about it but I think it would be fair if President elect Bush, while he is repaying everyone else who helped get him elected, granted Massachusetts rapist Willie Horton a conditional pardon. That condition being that Horton, who is also a convicted murderer, come to work at minimum wages for Bush at the White House during the latter's tenure. That means if Bush is in office for one or two terms, Horton will perform his non-duties as a kind of emblem, a grateful reminder, throughout to the office holder of how he won the oval office.

But, of course, President elect Bush would never allow poetic

justice to work positively for him, nor is he a fair man. If he were, he would, in the first place, not have resorted to the unscrupulous use of Horton in the campaign—a campaign that for ill-concealed racism and blatant misrepresentation is hard to match. Fair minded voters are scratching their heads in attempts to recall one that parallels.

The man whom Bush will succeed in the White House, Ronald Reagan, set the tone in an earlier campaign. He successfully won the presidency by campaigning hard against a Chicago recipient of welfare who happens to be black.

Like Bush, President Reagan was also ungrateful. He didn't offer the "Welfare Queen" a job either, or a grant of pardon wiping

her slate clean as a token of appreciation for her unwitting but crucial help in securing the most powerful office in the world.

Like Reagan, Bush knew a good thing when he saw it. That use of it could stir racial passions beyond control was a matter of small moment. Winning is important. How it is done is something for idle and casual discourse around a burning woodpile in the long hours of cold winter evenings.

I think the negative tactics used in the Bush campaign were highly unethical. What is happening when the would-be leader of all the people takes the misfortune of a couple, who happen to be white, drums up the isolated incident, and succeeds in winning the presidency?



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If you could dispose of one of your professors, how would you do it?



Derek Digilormo, marketing, sophomore; "Drown him in K-Y jelly."



James Wark, accounting, junior; "Lock her up in a room with a million smokers for about a week."



Sue Straumanis, art history, junior; "Tape his lectures and lock him in a dark room and make him listen to them for five weeks."



Amanda Sutton, science, freshman; "Hook them up to a car battery."



Ken Brown, accounting, sophomore; "Take them to a KA party."

news



Eric Johnson, Friday at LSUS.

Rocker comes to LSUS

Daily Reveille
Pick of the Week

Eric Johnson is simply one of the world's greatest guitarists. You wouldn't be at all out of line to speak his name along with figures like Jeff Beck and Eric Clapton.

Unlike other musicians, Johnson can take his Stratocaster on incredible jazz-rock musical flights and then turn around to

play a complicated country instrumental like "Sugarfoot Rag" in a way that would dazzle Nashville's finest studio players. Despite his technical wizardry, Johnson always maintains a humanity in his playing.

The Austin native previously worked in Carole King's band and released a Warner Bros. album, *Tones*. His latest recorded work is a track on the I.R.S. Records *Guitar Speaks*.

Placement

Graduates and jobs?

By MIKE BOWLIN
Staff Writer

Two hundred and six students will graduate from LSUS this fall. However, many are unprepared to enter the working world, according to Bill Stowe, career planning and placement director.

"One thing I stress to graduating seniors is that they have to start early when looking for a job," Stowe said.

According to Stowe, it takes an average of six months for a student to find a job if he starts looking before graduation. If a

student waits until after graduation, the average time to find a job is over nine months, he said.

The career planning and placement center assists students in finding jobs before and after graduation.

"We don't actually place students in jobs," Stowe said. "We help them to place themselves."

Also, the center provides numerous publications which list companies that hire students with particular majors.

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In addition, the center helps underclassmen pick majors and decide upon future vocations.

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Turning The Corner



Christmas Catch-up

By TOM EYTON-JONES
Columnist

Writing this last-of-the-semester column was something I did not look forward to; not because my loquacious prose won't appear again until January but because it signifies the dreaded "Christmas Catch-up."

Finals are approaching (as if you didn't know) and then the return to the normal (?) existence of the housekeeping nontraditional student. This has ominous implications.

It means I'll finally retrieve that waffle from behind the stove, clean out my garbage disposal, trace my son's missing socks, and blast all debris out of my oven. (My Atomic Energy Commission permit is pending.) I can also report all the plants the cat knocked over, send a vacuum probe to find the M&M's motherlode and maybe, just maybe, I might be able to see an entire episode of "Hunter."

The sad side is I won't see most of my friends (that's all of you) again until January. I live in Benton Backwoods and not too many people are confident enough in their automobiles to go out that far from civilization.

I also tend to be reluctant to take my son anywhere during the Christmas shopping season that might have a toy store

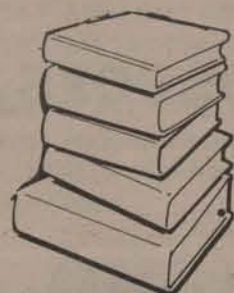
within a 15-mile radius.

It wasn't easy but I managed to hook up a bell to my bean cans and wax string so I can get telephone calls; I like getting phone calls (except those soliciting money or wanting me to vote for some yahoo I never heard of).

There are many things I'll be doing while waiting for those calls: I'll be (1) getting a lot of practice setting up a Christmas tree, thanks to my cat; (2) solving the age-old mystery of how to get chewing gum out of a vacuum cleaner bag; (3) wondering why I only bought two rolls of wrapping paper; (4) discovering why the dog is always standing behind me when I have a hot pan in my hands; (5) donating 15 cans of brussel sprouts to the local food drive (I inherited them from my mother); (6) videotaping every Christmas-oriented cartoon they can shove through my cable; and (7) wondering why I didn't lock myself in the UC Mens' Room instead of coming home.

Yes, holidays are something that every nontrad wants; like Japan wanted Godzilla, like Fay Wray wanted to meet King Kong, like forest fires want to meet water, like Louisiana wants unemployment, like business people want tax audits, like...

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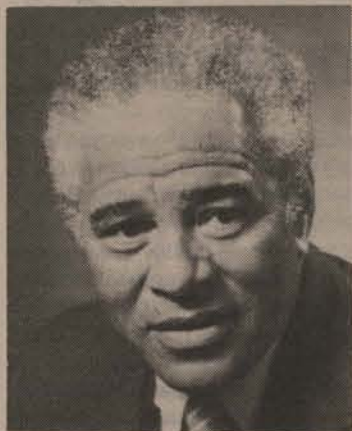
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Perkins

Dr. Huel D. Perkins of Baton Rouge, a member of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, will be the speaker at LSUS' fall commencement.

The graduation ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at the Shreveport Civic Center.

Perkins is a retired assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs and a professor emeritus of humanities at LSU-BR.

He was previously deputy director of the Division of Education Programs of the National Endowment for the Humanities from 1978-79 and was dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, professor and director of the Division of Music at Southern University in Baton Rouge.

He earned the B.S. degree summa cum laude from Southern University in 1947 and the M.S. (1951) and Ph.D. (1958) degrees from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

McBride

Dr. Mary McBride, dean of the College of Liberal Arts at LSUS, appeared on a panel on "Master of Liberal Arts Studies Programs" at the 28th annual meeting of the Council of Graduate Schools.

The council met Nov. 30 in Colorado Springs, Colo. Other panelists were Dr. Fredrick M. Binder of the College of Staten Island-City University of New York, St. George Campus, and Dr. Phyllis O'Callaghan of Georgetown University.

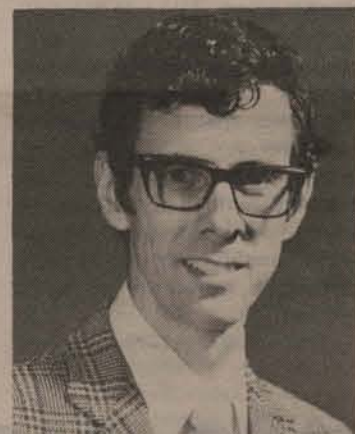
A member of the faculty since 1968, McBride earned the B.A. degree (1959) from Louisiana Tech and the M.A. (1965) and



Ph.D. (1968) degrees from Louisiana State University.

The purpose of the panel, organized by Dr. O'Callaghan as president of the Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs, is to inform graduate deans of recent developments in graduate liberal arts programs.

McBride discussed the context of student motivation for enrollment in MLA programs, using the enrollment histories of several LSUS MLA students.



Hinze

"The best available for research purposes" is how a national publication describes a new statistics package by Dr. Kenneth Hinze.

Hinze, professor of sociology, is the author of *PC Datagraphics and Mapping*, through the National Collegiate Software Clearinghouse, at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

The package — for IBM and compatible microcomputers with graphics cards — uses the power of pictures for comprehending and communicating statistical information and concepts. The package includes a 67-page manual.

Hinze's invited article "Statistical Graphing and Mapping for Learning Power," (*Academic Computing*, Sept. 1988) presented a teaching philosophy

and sample teaching applications to use with the programs.

In addition, his invited paper "Statistical and Graphics Tools for Data Analysis" in a future edition of *Data Bases in the Humanities and Social Sciences* describes the earlier Apple II version of the package.

Last winter Hinze published an invited paper "Computing in Sociology: Bringing Back Balance" in *Social Science Microcomputer Review* to summarize the state of the art of computing in American society.

An LSUS faculty member since 1975, Hinze is a native of Fort Worth, Tx. and holds the B.A. degree from Baylor University and the A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago.

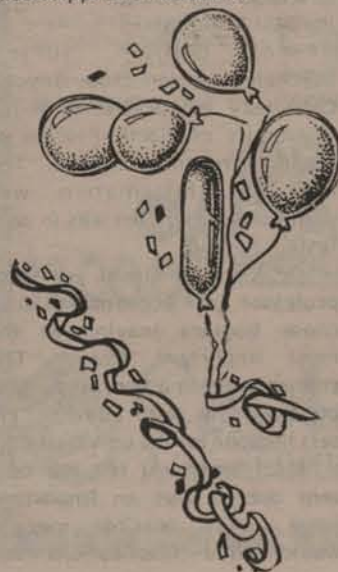
Long

Dr. Sandy Long, assistant professor of psychology, presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Mid-South Educational Research Association (MSERA). The meeting was held Nov. 8-11 in Louisville, Ky.

This is the fifth consecutive year that Long has had a paper accepted for presentation to the educational research group. The paper was entitled "An Exploration of Editorial Opinion Concerning Educational Reform in Louisiana: A Content Analysis."

Co-presenters were Tommy R. Harrison, Central Louisiana Professional Development Center; Nancy L. Monroe, Rapides Parish School Board; and Anna H. Costarides, University of South Alabama Medical Center.

MSERA is a regional organization of educational researchers from Louisiana, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama.



DeFatta

The LSUS English department has named Kathryn L. DeFatta of Bossier City the recipient of the 1988-1989 Sachs English Scholarship.

A sophomore English major and mass communications minor, Miss DeFatta is the president of the Student Activities Board at LSUS and is the recipient of several honors, including Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society's Sophomore of the Year Award for the spring of 1988.

The Sachs Scholarship is named to honor the late H.J. Sachs, long-time teacher and administrator at Louisiana Tech University. It is a \$600 stipend awarded annually to an English or English education major on the basis of academic merit, character and need.

Almagest

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association has awarded the *Almagest*, LSUS' student newspaper, a second-place evaluation in the association's annual collegiate newspaper critiquing contest.

The award went to the *Almagest's* spring 1988 issues, which garnered 834 out of a possible 1,000 score and fell only 16 points shy of a first-place rating. The paper was judged according to various criteria, including reporting depth, headlines, opinions, design and operations. Last spring's editor was Kris Purdy, now an LSUS graduate.

The CSPA is a department of Columbia University in New York and was established in 1924 to help improve student publications. Each newspaper entered in the critiquing contest is judged by qualified faculty advisers whose publications have been rated highly in prior years' evaluations.

Nowak

Halina Nowak, a third-year foreign language teacher at Caddo Magnet High School, has been selected as the 1988 recipient of the Allena J. Longfellow Master of Arts in Liberal Arts Fellowship.

Ms. Nowak holds a teacher's degree in foreign languages and economics from the State Teachers Training College in Liege, Belgium, and a B.A. in foreign languages from Centenary College, magna cum laude 1986.

She has taught at Shreveport Country Day School, the Montessori School for Shreveport, Caddo Middle Magnet School, Youree Drive Middle School and Ridgewood Middle School.

The Allena J. Longfellow MLA Fellowship was established by the Longfellow family to honor the memory of the late LSUS teacher, and to assist deserving graduate students in the pursuit of their degrees.

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JANUARY 1988

--Enrollment up 8.2 percent from the spring of 1987
--Soviet higher education officials visit LSUS as part of the first Soviet educational tour of U.S. state colleges and universities

FEBRUARY 1988

--Parking lights installed in HPE lot
--Tony Sabin wins LSUS racquetball tournament

MARCH 1988

--Eight LSUS students pass all four parts of CPA exam placing LSUS second among state public universities

--Office of Alumni Affairs buys \$36,000 computer

--LSUS chosen as bicentennial campus

APRIL 1988

--Bogue travels to Russia to discuss exchanges and research in higher education

--LSUS to get first predominantly black sorority-Delta Sigma Theta
--Humphreys, Naquin win SGA election

--LSUS ski team one of seven in tournament at Duckhill, Mississippi

--Faculty leaving LSUS: Frank Lower, Lillian Hall, Sharon Buzzard, Hamid Rachman, Stuart Wells, Elwin Sykes, Mike Clauretie and Bobby Tabarlet

SEPTEMBER 1988

--Tuition increases \$60
--Fall enrollment up three percent

--Manifest eliminated

--First independently-operated soccer club included in campus athletics

--Bogue appoints English as assistant to the chancellor

--Three candidates for the 4th congressional seat, Adeline Roemer, Jim McCrery and Robert Briggs at LSUS for the first and only televised debate. Briggs accused McCrery of being a homosexual

--Threats by court indicate a possible merger between LSUS, Vo-Tech, Southern of Shreveport and Bossier Parish Community College

OCTOBER 1988

--Faculty Senate met for first time Sept. 30

--Editor demands: English resign

--LSUS' ski team 9th in 15-school contest in Zachary

--Full-time professors get raise

--Bogue announces refund to student organizations

--Phi Van Halen wins co-rec championship

NOVEMBER 1988

--The ALMAGEST and Government and Law Society sponsor open forum on racial issues

--Pierre Schmitz, exchange student from Belgium, wins six individual events in LSUS' intramural swim meet

--Bogue, one of six candidates for position of president at the University of North Florida

--LSUS' computer science department wins 1st place in a programming contest sponsored by Baylor University



As the year turns...

By LILY DIZON
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ALMAGEST Staff

LSUS is not just another commuter college where people attend class and then leave. It has its own soap operas with recurring characters experiencing controversies and accomplishments.

This semester, LSUS experienced changes, overcame obstacles and made headlines in the local media.

As the semester draws to a close, students and faculty at LSUS look back on the events of 1988.

At the onset of the semester, due to statewide budget cuts, tuition increased, faculty salary increases were delayed and many student organizations' funds were slashed.

Next, Chancellor Grady Bogue's appointment of Larry English as assistant to the chancellor sparked the "English controversy."

Also, LSUS faced the threat of merging with various universities. Simultaneously, Bogue was a candidate for the presidency at the University of North Florida.

The saga started when **See Turns.....Pg. 7**

students found themselves paying an additional \$60 in tuition in spite of a 3 percent increase in fall enrollment. According to Bogue, state budget appropriations for LSUS were much lower than expected, which accounted for the increase in tuition.

Some students feel cheated because they paid the extra money and received nothing in return.

"It didn't bother me at first," said Elizabeth Best, a junior finance major. "Once I got into the semester, I questioned the validity of the increase. They charged us \$60 extra, and I expected to see something from it but didn't. I wanted something to show for the money."

Budget cuts affected more than the students. Faculty at LSUS were promised an increase in salary which they did not receive until October.

Dr. Wayne Gustavson, associate professor of chemistry and president of the Faculty Senate, said, "Everyone understood the situation since the money wasn't available. The raise came as something of a

Faculty and students pick hits

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This semester, the ALMAGEST has strived to present aspects of life at LSUS. The coverage included news stories, personality profiles, editorials and features. In an attempt to gauge the reactions of students and faculty, the ALMAGEST asked them to choose stories they felt made the most impact.

The most common response dealt with the coverage of Larry English, assistant to the chancellor.

B.B. Craig, junior, political science major said, "playing on the English thing got old."

Anne King, reference librarian agrees. "The flap about English went on for a long time." King added that spotlighting different personalities on campus

makes the ALMAGEST more personal.

In an October issue of the ALMAGEST, editor Kevin Jerome demanded that English resign. "Jerome's editorial on English seemed to be a blatant misuse of news space," said Andy Salvail, senior, journalism major. "Mr. English is not only an extremely intelligent, insightful individual but also, he can only aid the sagging state of our beloved university," he added.

Even Chancellor Grady Bogue, "top hog of the LSUS trough," rates English as one of the top stories. "Because it concerns my actions," he said. Bogue also named the editorial discussing problems the ALMAGEST faced with gathering news as well as a story about Soviet higher education officials visiting the campus, as stories

which made an impact.

Juanel Votaw, secretary of liberal arts, enjoys Tom Eyton-Jones' column because "I am an older student and he's picking up on things that we have not had in the past," she said.

Troy Gilliam, junior, psychology major, chose Bogue's candidacy for president of the University of North Florida as the most memorable story. "The way the information was gathered and written was in poor taste," he said.

Dr. Carl Smolinski, assistant professor of accounting, also chose Bogue's leaving as the most important story. "The chancellor is in a very important position," he said, adding, "He sets the tone for the university."

Also, Smolinski felt the consent decree was an important issue. "Any possible merger would have implications for

LSUS as far as its future is concerned."

Casey Simpson, junior, history major, was interested in the merger story because he is against merging. "I am against a merger for the same reason I believe LSUS shouldn't have an athletic program," he said. "I believe LSUS should be dedicated to academia."

Reno D'Water, junior, psychology major, liked Jerome's editorial about Gorbachev. "It made you look at the motives behind Gorbachev's actions rather than making him look like a nice guy."

"Things are more than just cosmetic appearances the Soviets try to portray," D'Water added.

Dr. Dalton Cloud, chairman of communications department, refused to pick just one story because he feels "the paper has

been an improvement this semester. It has dealt with controversy fairly."

Instead, Cloud selected three entire issues for their "complete and balanced coverage of LSUS and the community." He cited the third issue for its "cross-section dealing with the congressional debate and cheating at LSUS."

Cloud likes the sixth issue because "the 'Birds, Birds, Do, Do, Do' headline is disastrous." Also, he favors the balance of coverage from the important story of the Faculty Senate to "the mundane issue of the birds."

Finally, Cloud chose the eighth issue as the third best edition. Cloud's picture was on the front page but he said, "That has nothing to do with my decision."

news review

Turns...

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surprise so (we) were happy after all."

In addition, student organizations suffered cuts in their fall budgets. The cut eliminated LSUS' yearbook, the **MANIFEST**. Also, the **ALMAGEST** and the SGA faced \$5,000 and \$3,000 cuts, respectively. However, in keeping with his promise, Bogue refunded one-third of the money to student organizations.

ALMAGEST editor Kevin Jerome, said that the newspaper had a smaller staff and a smaller paper as a result of the cuts. However, Jerome said, "Overall, I think it was a good semester. Despite a smaller staff and lower wages, we all wanted to do a good job which I feel we did regardless of the budget cut."

However, the **MANIFEST** did not receive any refunds. Suzanne Bright, its former advisor, is not optimistic about the yearbook being restored.

"I have not heard if it will be restored but then again, I was not informed of it being cut," Bright said. "I doubt if we can bring the yearbook back...It cost \$30,000 to publish the yearbook. There's no way we can cut any more corners and still produce an adequate yearbook," she added.

As the semester progressed, Bogue's appointment of Larry English as assistant to the chancellor caused some controversy. Some faculty members questioned the rationale behind Bogue's action because English is a current student at LSUS and does not have a bachelor degree.

ALMAGEST editor Jerome, in an editorial, demanded that English resign. Jerome believed that English "has spread himself to thin and is unable to give adequate attention to his

endeavors."

What started out as an appointment by Bogue resulted in a controversy which local media deemed newsworthy.

English, in a recent interview said that he deals with the media on a regular basis. "I have come to respect journalists," English said. "However, I did not see a balance in the **ALMAGEST**'s coverage of my appointment that I felt should have been there."

"I also felt that Kevin's editorial was so off-base," English said, adding, "He did not have his facts together about the NAACP, for one thing. However, I admire Kevin's courage to ask for my resignation and to disagree with the chancellor."

Looking back on his first semester as assistant to the chancellor, English said he has learned a lot. "I now know that I can take public criticism, and I can deal with negative press," he said. "As far as my relationship with the **ALMAGEST**, it can only go up."

Another transition LSUS experienced this year resulted from a federal decree ordering that Louisiana's system of higher education be desegregated. Initially, talks of a possible merger with Louisiana Tech met with much resistance from Bogue and students at LSUS. Later recommendations were made suggesting that LSUS merge with area medical schools.

While mergers were being discussed, Bogue was one of six candidates being reviewed for the position of president at the University of North Florida.

However, in a recent memo to the faculty, Bogue announced that he will remain as chancellor of LSUS because his family is more "effectively matched to LSUS and Shreveport."

Thus, the season's finale ends. Join LSUS next year for new and exciting episodes.

Nickel and dime no longer

By LORINE JAME
& LILY DIZON
ALMAGEST Staff

In the fall of 1967, when LSUS opened its doors, it only cost a student \$60 for tuition. Today, tuition at LSUS is \$660 with threats of an increase looming ominously.

1988 was a year of changes, some predictable and others not. But, this year if one compares LSUS with its historic years, it is appropriate to claim, "We've come a long way, Baby."

During its first semester, LSUS had no colleges, no departments nor did it offer a graduate program. At that time, the campus consisted of two buildings: the science building and the library.

Laura Street, a student at LSUS in 1968 and current secretary of archives, recalls, "Books were shelved on the first floor of the library. The second floor was used for classrooms and teacher's offices."

"Oh, and the shack (behind the library) was there also," Street added. Street remembers students going to the shack for a snack during breaks.

An article in a 1967 issue of the **ALMAGEST** lists prices of snacks and beverages offered by vending machines located in

the shack. A student could buy a sandwich and soft drink for 40 cents. Cigarettes were 35 cents and candy bars cost from five to 10 cents.

Today, LSUS has seven major buildings: Science, the Library, Bronson Hall, Business Education, the University Center, Health and Physical Education and the Administration Building.

Also, students no longer go to the shack during breaks. The university center, built in 1979, houses LSUS' cafeteria. Here, a sandwich costs about \$1.10 and a small soft drink costs 50 cents. Cigarettes now sell for \$1.50.

LSUS' foundation started with more than buildings. From the beginning, there were student organizations and school publications. At that time, the **ALMAGEST** was a bimonthly newspaper. LSUS' first yearbook was called the **BAGATELLE**. These publications informed the students and faculty of events, organizations and personalities on campus.

Today, the **ALMAGEST** is published weekly. And, through the years, the yearbook's name changed to the **MANIFEST**. However, this semester, the university had to eliminate the yearbook due to statewide budget cuts.

As the years progress, LSUS continues to grow. In the first

semester, there were 807 students and 35 employees at LSUS. In the fall of 1988, enrollment reached 4,499. Also, today, employees at LSUS number 650.

Claude Overlease, head of campus police, remembers parking as the main concern in 1967. "There were approximately 450 parking slots for 900 cars," he said.

Today, Overlease enjoys his air-conditioned office yet recalls "times were tough in the beginning."

"We had no uniforms, no ticket books and no office," he said.

Dr. Dalton Cloud, chairman of communications department, does not remember the "tough times." Instead, Cloud misses "the small faculty staff where everyone, regardless of what department they were in, knew each other."

Unlike Overlease and Cloud who view the "changes" as changes, Alvon Robinson, paraprofessional library said, "What you call change I see as a continuation—a continuation of the growth of LSUS. For example, originally there were only two buildings on campus."

Twenty-two years ago, LSUS was two buildings and a shack on a large piece of land. The days of the five and dimes are gone but LSUS is here to stay.

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special report

Professors face obstacles in research

By LORI NEJAME
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"I love it," said Dr. Richard Barnett, associate professor and chairman of foreign language, "It's the central joy of my life."

Barnett is referring to his research in contemporary and literary criticism.

In order to do this research, Barnett must travel. His main resources are not in Shreveport and this presents obstacles for him.

"LSUS doesn't have a sufficient allotment in its budget for research," said Barnett. Last year his research cost him more than \$3,500. "This money came out of my own pocket," Barnett added. "It could have cost more. I could have done more research but I limited myself to that amount (\$3,500)."

Barnett has tried to overcome this monetary obstacle. "I do a lot of traveling. I purchase materials, and I'm willing to expend personal funds."

Despite the frustration of wanting and needing to do more in the way of research while faced with such obstacles, Barnett continues his research because he enjoys it.

Barnett as well as many other professors who do research at LSUS find themselves in a predicament. Motivation for doing research must stem from their love of the craft. But that love often gets little support from the university.

According to Dr. Ronald A. Martin, professor and chairman of chemistry, "Research is slow

and frustrating." However, Martin feels that research will be easier for professors in the future. Martin considers himself and other researchers to be "pioneers" paving the way for future researchers.

Martin works with Dr. Steven Lynch, associate professor of biological sciences. Martin and Lynch research the chemistry of milkweed and monarch butterflies.

After six years of hard work, Martin and Lynch finally made enough progress to receive a \$67,000 grant from the National Institute of Health. This is the first grant of its kind.

Their success came despite a lack of support offered by the university. That feat is all the more impressive when considering the obstacles standing in the way of success.

Laboratory equipment at LSUS is close to being 20 years outdated and would barely pass high school standards Lynch said. Time also has been limited. But, Lynch said, the grant should make available more time to do research. Lynch understands that money is "tight," but he feels that research should be higher on the administration's list of priorities.

"The university has promoted people that don't do research just as readily as they promote those who are involved in research and community service," Lynch said.

Lynch senses a general lack of support from LSUS. "The LSUS bookstore will not allow professors to order needed books through the bookstore, and we (professors) are not given dis-

"A university's reputation nationwide largely depends on the amount of research put out by its faculty."

Dr. Laurence Hardy, 1988

counts on books bought from the bookstore," he said.

Dr. Laurence M. Hardy, professor of biological sciences, has faced similar obstacles. Hardy is doing research on vertebrate animals. Hardy said that he "definitely enjoys" research.

But because of the lack of release time, Hardy said research "takes away from family time as well as obligations at the university."

Hardy agrees with Lynch and others that research should be a higher priority. "A university's reputation nationwide largely depends on the amount of research put out by its faculty," Hardy said.

Dr. Mary Ann Shaw, professor of English, said, "Research indicates a serious academic pursuit by the faculty; therefore, it reflects well on the university."

Shaw's research has not been easy. With only a limited number of hours in the day, Shaw said she has difficulty in juggling teaching, home, as well as civic responsibilities and the demands of the research. Shaw says research requires an uninterrupted block of time.

Shaw is writing essays which she hopes will be accepted for publication. "The problem is that most journals (who publish the essays) receive many manuscripts, perhaps 300," Shaw said. "They are very choosy. They only publish about 15 of the

300; therefore, sometimes you must submit multiple essays in order to get one published."

Shaw said that this can be frustrating. "I think that when the faculty is writing, it keeps us in touch with problems and frustrations which our students face," she said.

Dr. Charles Johnson, assistant professor in mathematics, agrees. "A big obstacle is getting the research published," Johnson said that many times numerous re-writes must be submitted before one is accepted for publication in a journal.

Johnson researches on the weekends and at night. "I do the research because I like it," Johnson says. "LSUS is not a research institution, but the university does expect research of the faculty."

According to Johnson, LSUS professors are evaluated from time to time. These evaluations are considered when professors are reviewed for academic promotions or salary increases. "Research is not required to remain on the faculty," Johnson added.

He likes research, and he enjoys finding new information. Like Shaw, Johnson feels that LSUS benefits from the research. "LSUS receives visibility when one of their professors' articles is published," he said.

Although Johnson believes teaching should come first, he also thinks there should be an "extra effort by the administration to allow release time in order to do research."

"I think there is a communication problem," said Johnson. "The faculty is expected to do research on our own, pay for it and get it published. Then, after the fact, the administration comes back and says, 'We'll help you.'"

Money has not been as much of a problem for Dr. Georgia Wills, assistant professor of psychology. Wills works with Dr. Vaughn Stagg, associate professor of psychology, doing research on children who have received or witnessed physical abuse.

LSUS has funded Wills' and Stagg's research every year since 1986. "This has enabled us to continue collecting data," Wills said. "Dr. Stagg and myself have each received three grants worth \$500 since we began our



Dr. Barnett

research in 1985."

Wills, like many other professors, feels that the research is time-consuming. "But I like what I'm doing, so it isn't a problem for me," Wills said.

"Research is tedious work," Wills said. "It's a day-to-day type of thing that can be very boring. But the personal payoffs are good, and the information that is found is worthwhile. It can be so exciting and fun."

According to biology professor Lynch, the Faculty Research Committee at LSUS distributes grants or loans for research. This year the committee has a budget of \$10,000.

"Five hundred dollars is the highest amount granted to any one professor in any one year," according to psychology's Wills.

Dr. Wilfred Guerin, vice chancellor of academic affairs, said that the lack of funds for research is a direct result of LSUS budget cuts. Guerin said an increase in research funding would mean a decrease in faculty salaries.

Asked why research is not given a higher priority in terms of importance to the university, Guerin said LSUS is a teaching institution.

But, Guerin added that a February 1985 university policy statement shifted some emphasis to research when professors are considered for academic promotions or salary increases.

The move toward increased research at LSUS, "is bit-by-bit," Guerin said. "It is a long-range thing."

Foreign language's Barnett and other professors at LSUS involved in research would like to see some things done in the way of more funds and release time made available to them.

Incentives may be hard to come by as long as money woes exist at LSUS. Hopefully, like Barnett, professors will continue to research because they enjoy it. But also, like Barnett, they may have to spend their own money.

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Research;

Different strokes for different folks

By LILY DIZON
Managing Editor

--Geoffrey Chaucer takes it all back — all the pleasure seeking advice he gave in his literary writings.

--Business manufacturers can set their own prices — prices that consumers have to pay if they want the product.

--The synthesis of alkyl cyclohexanones — their reaction may lead to a break-through in the medical field.

All of the above have one thing in common: they are a small part of a wide scope of research conducted by LSU professors. And, though the professors have little or no money and practically no time to work on these projects, to listen to them talk is to know that they hold these endeavors close to their hearts.

The types of research differ but the reasons for them are almost the same. According to the professors, they conduct research to help them learn more and to make them better teachers.

For Dr. Merrell Knighten, English professor, research stems from "an individual's desire to learn."

Currently, Knighten works on two unrelated projects to allow for variations, he said. He is attempting to prove that toward the end of Chaucer's life, the poet regretted all the connotations of

pleasures he presented in his works. According to Knighten, Chaucer did his penance by writing the "Retraction," the last chapter in his unfinished, best-known poem, *The Canterbury Tales*.

Previous research insisted the "Retraction" was just another section to the poem and there was no deeper meaning involved, according to Knighten. He, on the other hand, disagrees.

Knighten analyzed the content within *The Canterbury Tales* and concluded, "The tales themselves supported that there was indeed a retraction... Chaucer, toward the end, regretted his secular literatures that distracted people from (worshipping) God."

Knighten sees Chaucer's "Retraction" as a "500-year-old joke to create a puzzle for the readers to keep them guessing."

In addition to Chaucer, Knighten, because he was "tired of writing (instructions) on the blackboard" is compiling a *Dictionary of American Style in Writing*. Here, he analyzed different modern American writings, from journalistic to textbook styles.

According to Knighten, "There are varieties of (books on) writing styles but none of that examines individuals' writings style." He would like to be the first to accomplish this kind of book, he said.

Whereas Knighten's work has not been completed, Dr. Robert



Dr. Knighten

Research stems from "an individual's desire to learn."

Dr. M. Knighten, 1988

Aalberts, management and marketing professor, last week had three writings published in professional magazines. This feat is very "self-satisfying" for Aalberts because "The College of Business rarely gets any form of public recognition for its services."

"Three articles in one week!" Aalberts exclaimed, adding, "This has been the best week of my life."

Based upon two recent Supreme Court cases, one of Aalberts' articles dealt with the resale price maintenance of the anti-trust law. The cases' rulings make it legal for manufacturers to set their own price that the consumer will pay for a product, Aalberts said.

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According to Aalberts, his article attempts "to show how (the rulings) will affect retailers, consumers and manufacturers."

Correlating with recent controversies surrounding the smoking issue, Aalberts' second article concerned the smoking policies in the work place, namely the health, economics and legal issue.

His third article is an empirical study on the foreclosure of residential property in Caddo Parish. Working jointly with Dr. Douglas Bible, economics and finance professor, Aalberts is especially proud of this project because it's the first project of its kind in Shreveport and Bossier City.

"No one else has gone into the Caddo and Bossier offices to look at 450 foreclosure records," Aalberts said.

Not to be outdone by the English and business departments, the chemistry department conducts a totally different kind of research in organic mechanisms — the way molecules interact.

Dr. William Nevill, chemistry professor, will direct a team of upperclassmen in researching the synthesis of alkyl cyclohexanones. The two main reasons for reacting these compounds is to "see what will be formed out of (the reaction)" and to test the experiment apparatus, Nevill said.

"Once we know which (reacting) theory works," he said, "we can do similar reactions that can lead to making new products and materials that will have new and hopefully, beneficial properties." He cited an anti-cancer drug as an example of these new products.

Currently, early processes of the experiment are conducted on a tool called a micro-apparatus. According to Nevill, the miniature size of the equipment "helps lower the cost of (laboratory) operating and toxic hazards to which students are exposed." Also, it allows more students to take chemistry courses because the apparatus doesn't take much space, he said.

In addition, because the apparatus is so small, it uses smaller quantities of chemicals, yielding safety factors by minimizing broken glass accidents and fire hazards, Nevill said.

According to Nevill, the use of the micro-apparatus still is in the pioneer stage but, if accepted, it will greatly help the university because of its practicality as well as efficiency.

Heading in a different direc-

tion is the research of George Kemp, psychology department chairman, who is interested in what makes the opposite sex attractive to each other.

Kemp is "personally interested in this project" and has discovered from research that "People are more readily identified with what's unattractive about a person than what's attractive." He cited bad breath as an example.

Different projects require different methods of research and the professor's methods are numerous. For some professors, such as Knighten and Aalberts, the bulk of their research examines materials that have had extensive writings on their subjects.

Kemp psychologically took a different approach: He used students from his Human Sexual Response classes as objects of the experiment by giving them objective as well as subjective questionnaires.

Although the types and examples of research at LSU are vastly diversified, the professors, in their quest to learn, face common problems: lack of money and time.

"The funding comes out of my personal grocery money," said Kemp, adding, "My last project — the university did pay the postage."

According to chemistry's Nevill, the testing of the micro-apparatus was funded by a Faculty Research Grant of \$312, which had to be supplemented by the money in the chemistry department's budget.

The university was not as generous with Knighten in English. He received "no university financial support nor grants."

Aalberts, of management and marketing, said his projects didn't "require too much money...just enough for gas and Xerox."

Besides lack of money, lack of time plays a factor in research. It took Aalberts over a year to complete his articles. The other professors were not as lucky.

According to Knighten, he has been researching Chaucer's "Retractions" for the past three or four years, working "after (his) family has gone to bed, sometimes until two in the morning."

Because professors' duties include teaching, advising, serving the community and researching, "Research gets slighted," said Knighten, adding, "Teaching

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Research shortchanges students?

By Andrea Logan
& Rich Pence
Contributing Writers

The subject of research at LSUS is not at all new to the campus. But what is the true goal of a university? Is it research or teaching?

Research is important to any professor, but the requirements differ from department to department. Some departments stress teaching and classroom involvement while others put more emphasis on research. The key is to create a balance between the two.

"To me, research is what keeps your batteries charged," said Dr. Robert Leitz, professor of English. "If you don't keep up with the scholarship, you fall further and further behind and that is a disservice to students," he continued.

During Leitz's 16 years at LSUS, he has received 14 research grants and had many works published, including two books. However, this extensive research does not seem to interfere with his teaching. Most of his research is done during semester breaks.

Dr. Dalton Cloud, chairman of the department of communications, said, "In an institution such as ours, research has not been the prime mission." Cloud believes that research is a part of teaching and that its creativity helps keep instructors up to date on their

material. He does not feel that there has been too much of an uneven load on either side, but that each department should find the perfect blend.

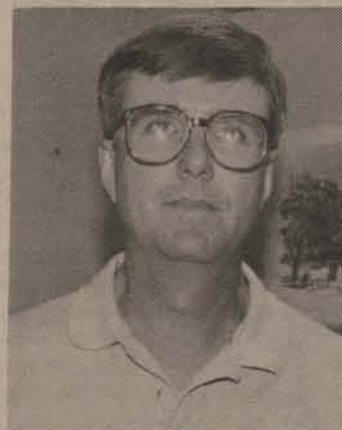
This blend, in most departments, consists of three areas: teaching, research, and community service. Each is considered when a faculty member is up for tenure. This requires that the professor keep a balanced career.

During evaluation, teaching is given the most consideration because that is the major function of the faculty.

"English is hard or harder than any department on campus," said Leitz. Research is required in this department, he said, although not strictly. But most professors feel they have an obligation to add to the general core of knowledge. "It's something we're trained to do," Leitz added. "We're better off for it."

In the computer science department, the requirements are somewhat lighter. "Actually, we're too busy with teaching right now to do very much research," said Claiborne Sharp, computer science instructor. "There is not much pressure to do research but we do it anyway."

The rewards of extensive research seem to be harder to grasp than those of teaching. Some simply think it is a reward in itself and are happy with the fact that they have accomplished



Dr. Leitz

it. Others, however, feel that the compensation for research is considerably less than the time needed to produce it.

Leitz spent 11½ years on his latest venture, "The Letters of Jack London," but says, "We've made a contribution to scholarship."

Teaching, on the other hand, tends to have more immediate and visibly meaningful rewards, both personal and professional, and includes everything from seeing a student learn and understand to conquering a new course of study.

In the end, the balance is left up to the individual. Each professor must take the responsibility put before him. This is a responsibility not only to self and community, but also to scholarship, peers, and most importantly, students.

Research pros & cons

By Sandy Osmon
& Clay Bryan
Contributing Writers

LSUS graduate student Katheleen Odom, a previous business owner, returned to school to prepare for a Ph.D. in biochemistry. Odom works with biology professor Dr. Cran Lucas on research concerning the composition of salamander eggs.

"The research I've been doing gives me a head start on the latest knowledge and technology in my field. I think every student should have one semester's worth of research without the usual protocol and already-known results," says Odom.

She says, "It's a lot of hard work for the credit hours, but I enjoy it. You have to ask a lot of questions and keep trying to come up with something new."

According to many experts, student research such as Odom's can enhance the learning process by simply increasing the interest level of students. However, *Bioscience* magazine predicts that society soon will have a shortage of young professionals trained at the independent, creative, research level.

Janet Lanza, associate professor in biology at State University of New York, writes that research experience gives students a chance to learn or gain skills, and perhaps more importantly, to mature.

LSUS psychology professor Dr. Joe Carlisle agrees that research experience is beneficial for students. "Research can be a very important aspect of a student's education—not only if they're going on to graduate school, but also in the job market," says Carlisle.

LSUS non-matriculated graduate student Lisa Dansby plans to reap the benefits of her research experience in graduate school. "It's really been a wonderful experience. I know what it is like to get research by first-hand knowledge. It has been great exposure in how to apply my work experience in my thesis," says Dansby.

Odom agrees that research experience can be important for graduate school. "With research experience, the graduate schools look at you more favorably. You're a plus for them because they don't have to start you at the beginning and they can get more out of you," says Odom.

"Student research is also

beneficial to the reputations of the university and the professor since it helps get scholarly papers published," adds Odom.

One reason that student research is limited at the university level is the overwhelming load that research inflicts on professors. "The professors at LSUS are already overworked by the demands to teach so many classes. Unless they're very organized, it's difficult to balance everything," Odom said.

Students of teachers involved in research complain that the teachers sometimes neglect their classes. "They get behind in their grading and handing back tests. They get so involved in their project that coming to class seems to be a bother," says senior Karin Gholson.

She says that professors should involve more students in their research projects to help lighten the teacher's schedules.

However, the Carnegie Foundation's analysis of undergraduate education in the United States presents an alarming number of complaints from faculty about student passivity and the lack of vigorous intellectual exchange in the classroom.

Joe Wagner, director of University School Education Improvement for the University of California, says four steps make student research work for the student. First, colleges and universities should develop ways to assess student performance according to the same criteria that apply to faculty members. Second, as a regular feature of their undergraduate education, students could be encouraged to conduct research of value to others.

Third, he says that undergraduate students should be encouraged to teach. Finally, they should be encouraged to develop familiarity with the continuing research and teaching responsibilities of mature professionals in all fields, including professors.

Wagner says current institutional practices hurt the student and passive instruction provides inadequate preparation for the challenges students will face as adults. He says research provides the elements of intellectual life that faculty members themselves find productive and rewarding.

Student research is an advantage in both further education and the workplace. The problem lies in involving everyone in the research process. Many students feel research is beneficial yet have few such opportunities.

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Miami should be No. 1

By **KEN KURIGER**
Sports Editor

It seems as sure as a white Christmas in Alaska that the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame will be crowned national champions following the Fiesta Bowl.

The No. 1 Irish will battle No. 3 West Virginia on Jan. 2 in an anticlimactic finish for the college football season. As of now, the unbeaten Gold-Domes deserve to be top-ranked, after making it through their tough schedule unscathed. But the Mountaineers? The toughest team they've taken on, Syracuse, shouldn't be in the top 20. In reality, the best team in the nation won't be playing its bowl in Tempe.

For the past four years, no school has been more successful than the University of Miami. After winning last year's title, the Hurricanes have easily played well enough to repeat. Only a felony of a call late in their war at South Bend will keep Jimmy Johnson's team from winning the crown.

The Hurricanes will face Nebraska at home in the Orange Bowl and when they win, they'll deserve to be the champions. Yet,

there's little hope for that to happen. Even if West Virginia beats Notre Dame, the polls will probably consider the Mountaineers undefeated record better criteria for top honors. But that would be a pitiful mistake.

Look at it this way: The 'Canes have beaten SWC Champion Arkansas, co-SEC Champion LSU, Big Ten Champ Michigan and No. 4 Florida State. Yes, West Virginia has a multi-talented roster, but at this stage, their program doesn't merit being national champ.

Actually, I was hoping Southern Cal would knock off the Irish last weekend so Bo Schembechler would get another shot at a big Rose Bowl win. Now, the Wolverines will have to settle for a victory over the fifth-ranked Trojans, not the No. 1 Trojans. It's finally time for the blood pressure king to lead the Blue to a win in Pasadena.

Too bad two great teams like Florida State and Auburn have to face each other in a Sugar Bowl with no title implications. Bowden and Dye will rely on the traditional rivalry between the schools to ignite their squads. This could very well be the best bowl match-up of the season, but

expect the Seminoles to edge the Tigers.

And what of the ever-exciting Cotton Bowl? For once, it *might* be worth watching. Arkansas was surprising against Miami, although the 'Canes were sluggish after smashing LSU. At any rate, the better athletes and better coaching of UCLA—the Bruins have won five straight bowls under Terry Donahue—will prove too much for the Razorbacks of the lowly Southwest Conference.

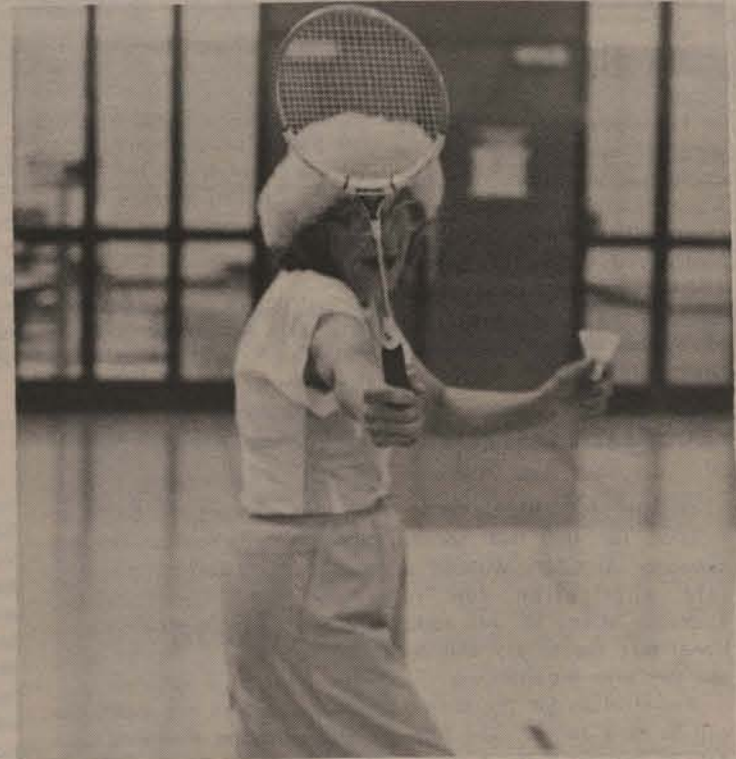
The weirdest thing of all is not having to see Barry Switzer and the Sooners be a part of all this. I can't say I'm in tears over it either. I wonder what that Thomas Lott is up to these days?

Lastly, here's an added prediction that I make with supreme confidence. The Minnesota Vikings will win the Super Bowl for the first time in five tries next month in Miami. They've never played one in Miami before, so their Super jinx will be nullified.

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The Student Activities Board is sponsoring a Christmas day on Dec. 6. "Love Alive," an interdenominational choir will be singing all of the best loved Christmas carols. There will also be a special appearance by Santa Claus. The fun will start at 10:25a.m. in the University Center.

Registration

Deadline for applying for admission for the 1989 spring semester at LSUS without a late application fee is Thursday, Dec. 15. An additional late fee of \$15 will be assessed after the deadline.

Registration for the spring will be held Jan. 12. The final date to register without applying a \$15 late registration fee is Jan. 16.

Classes begin on Jan. 17 and end on May 8. Finals will be held May 9-15.

Computer

A community education course in "Advanced Lotus/Hal" will be offered by

LSUS from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Dec. 3 and 10.

The course will deal with the companion program for Lotus software that allows the use of simple English phrases to accomplish complicated tasks in Lotus.

Instructors will be Dr. Selvestion James, professors of biological sciences, and Prentiss Boatner Jr., a consulting geologist and experienced programmers.

Course fee is \$105. To pre-register, contact the LSUS office of Conferences and Institutes at 797-5262.

Jobs

Applications are being accepted for the following positions for the University Center for Spring Semester 1989: receptionists, game room workers, and sound and lighting technicians. Please stop by UC 232 or call 797-5393 for further information.

Intramurals sports will be employing basketball referees and scorekeepers in January. Please stop by UC 230 or call Kurt Rensink at 797-5323 if you are interested.

Movie

The LSUS American Studies Washington Semester presents the last video of the Fall Film Series at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 6. The film is "Washington D.C. with Willard Scott" and will be shown in BH 465. The 60-minute video is free and open to the public. Refreshments provided.

Scholarship

The LSUS chapter of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor is inviting applications from outstanding senior students for a Graduate Fellowship of up to \$6,000 for first-year graduate or professional study. Fifty of these fellowships will be awarded nationwide. Thirty additional students will receive Honorable Mention Awards of \$500. Each Phi Kappa Phi Chapter may nominate one student for these awards.

Graduating seniors with outstanding academic and leadership records should contact Dr. Richard-Laurent Barnett, Chair of the Fellowship Nominating Committee (BH 230, Ext. 5358) for additional information, application forms, etc.

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by Carol Hall, Computer Science Department

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